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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

BOX PATENT APPLICATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

The following Preliminary Amendments and Remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Before line 1, insert --This application is the national phase under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of PCT International Application No. PCT/JP00/07312 which has an International filing date of October 20, 2000, which designated the United States of America and was not published in English.--

Please substitute the following paragraph for the first full paragraph on page 17:

--In the decoder shown in Fig. 1(b), reference numeral 11 denotes a first decoder for calculating the logarithm likelihood ratio from receiving signal: Lcy (corresponding to receiving